

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas Koehler
Serial No: 09/786,072 Art Unit: 1645
Filing Date: March 14, 2002

Title: REACTION CHAMBERS COATED WITH DEFINED
CONCENTRATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS, METHOD FOR
THE PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

Examiner: Strzelecka, Teresa E

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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(X) The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to any Office Action outstanding in the above captioned matter as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application. Please charge my deposit account No.11-0224 in the amount required to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above account.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 35 U.S.C. 1.16, and 1.17, after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 35 USC 1.18 or any additional fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Acct. No.11-0224. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If and only if account funds should be insufficient, immediately contact our associate, Lisa Zumwalt, at (703)415-0579, who will pay immediately to avoid deprivation of rights.

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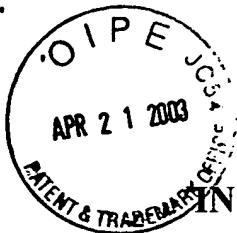
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SIR:

This is in further response to "Office Communication Concerning this Application or Proceeding" dated December 19, 2002 and stating time period of one (1) month or thirty (30) days from the mailing date of this notice to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 .

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: